

(a) After the vote of this state's electors is completed, if the final list of electors differs from any list that the [Governor] previously included on a certificate of ascertainment prepared and transmitted under 3 U.S.C. Section 6, the [Secretary of State] immediately shall prepare an amended certificate of ascertainment and transmit it to the [Governor] for the [Governor's] signature.

(b) The [Governor] immediately shall deliver the signed amended certificate of ascertainment to the [Secretary of State] and a signed duplicate original of the amended certificate of ascertainment to all individuals entitled to receive this state's certificate of ascertainment, indicating that the amended certificate of ascertainment is to be substituted for the certificate of ascertainment previously submitted.

(c) The [Secretary of State] shall prepare a certificate of vote. The electors on the final list shall sign the certificate. The [Secretary of State] shall process and transmit the signed certificate with the amended certificate of ascertainment under 3 U.S.C. Sections 9, 10, and 11.

SECTION 9. UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION. In applying and construing this uniform act, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

SECTION 10. REPEALS. The following are repealed:

- (1) . . .
- (2) . . .
- (3) . . .

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This [act] takes effect . . .

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington (Mr. REICHERT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Behind me are the faces of 135 men and women. They are the faces of those who paid the ultimate price serving and protecting us this past year so that our families and our children can live safe and enjoy our freedom. As you can see, freedom isn't free.

You may not know or recognize these faces, but you know the faces of others who have served or that are serving today. They are the faces of our brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, and friends. Some were ambushed and executed. Some lost their lives responding to a call to save a life, someone who called for help.

Tacoma police officer Jake Gutierrez, from my home State of Washington, is one of the faces behind me. He lost his life in the line of duty just last month while trying to protect a woman from domestic violence.

Jake was supposed to have exchanged wedding vows with his fiancée in just a few weeks. Instead, she and his three daughters and granddaughter attended his funeral and tried to picture a life without Jake.

Tragically, again last month, a time meant for celebration was filled with another Washington family's sorrow. Veteran officer Mike McLaughry from

the Mount Vernon Police Department was shot in the head while responding to a call for help. Today his children, wife, friends, and family sit by his hospital bed and his life now hangs in the balance in the hands of God and his doctors.

This feeling of loss is one that I am also familiar with. In 1982, my partner and best friend, Sergeant Sam Hicks, was shot to death attempting to arrest a murder suspect. He left behind his wife and five sons. That was over 30 years ago, but the loss of a loved one is a pain that cannot be forgotten, cannot be erased.

This national day of appreciation is not only a day to reflect and appreciate the service of those who have served, but those that are serving today. They are driving, walking, patrolling your neighborhoods, keeping us safe. They are ready to put their lives on the line, yes, but every day they do so much more for us that goes unnoticed:

The officer that took the stolen bike report on Christmas Day and the next day delivered a new bicycle to that little boy's home;

How about the officer who anonymously buys groceries for a needy family;

The officer who counseled a little girl who was being bullied because of the clothes she wore and then bought her a new set of clothes;

How about the officer who went to a call where he had to cradle a 2-month-old baby in his arms, giving CPR to his little, fragile blue face, hoping for the best news, fearing the worst—and getting the worst—and then headed off to his next call;

The officer that held the hand of a dying man after a motorcycle accident and then sharing his last words with his family;

The officer who was spit on, ridiculed, and insulted by a man threatening to kill the officer and his wife and then minutes later saving that same man from taking his own life with a butcher knife.

These men and women are coaches, volunteers, and mentors, helping people find jobs, feeding the homeless, helping them find homes, and sometimes even taking them into their own homes. These are real people. They are your neighbors, they are your friends, and they are us. This is not a job for them. It is a calling. They serve because they want to help. They want to make a difference. They serve with the heart of a servant.

On this day, let us take a moment to appreciate all members of the law enforcement community across this Nation and their families by putting a blue light in your window or on your front porch. This is not just a sign of appreciation for law enforcement across this country, but a sign, a small symbol of unity for us all. We need that now in our Nation more than anything. Help us remember that we are one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Most people don't know, but I am a big James Brown fan and I really like the way he puts it in a not so well-known song from the sixties about America. He says:

America is the greatest country in the world. America is the greatest country in the world . . . Now Black and White they may fight, but when the enemy comes, we get together and we run 'em out of sight.

This is a Black man in the sixties with these positive words about our country.

Mr. Speaker, I say this: That we take James Brown's words, we take his advice, and we get together. The enemy is here. That enemy is hate. We get together and we run them out of sight.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to observe a moment of silence, please, for two officers who were killed in Florida just today on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. These are two more officers killed today, just hours ago.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another year.

At the beginning of this new day, we are grateful as individuals and as a nation for all the blessings we have been given.

We ask Your blessing upon the Members of this people's House as they reconvene for this first session. May they anticipate the opportunities and difficulties that are before them, and before so many Americans, with steadfast determination to work together toward solutions that will benefit their countrymen. Grant that they be worthy of the responsibilities they have been given by their constituents and truly be the people You have called them to be.

May Your Spirit, O God, be in all of our hearts and minds and encourage us to do the works of peace and justice now and always.

May all that we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the